

Sixth Sunday of Easter



News You Can Use...from Fr. Steve

Mother's Day

Today is Mother's Day. We all celebrate this day differently depending on personal circumstances, but one thing that should be part of everybody's observance is prayer. Mothers need prayer – prayers of support, of gratitude, healing, perhaps even forgiveness. Let's remember our mothers, living and dead, on this Mother's Day. You may even want to have a Mass offered in her memory [if deceased] – or for her needs and intentions [if living]. What a wonderful surprise to say to your Mom on Mother's Day – **"Mom, I have arranged for a special Mass to be said for you at St. AJ!"** Please contact Carole at the Rectory for Mass availability.

Mother's Day Blessing Prayer

God of Mary, the Mother of Jesus,
on this Mother's Day, bless our own living mothers
with health of mind and body,
with hearts always alive in love and joy,
with souls graced by your constant presence.
May they always feel pride in their children
and fulfillment in the nurturing care they have given.
May Your blessings lead them to a place
at the eternal banquet of heaven,
rejoicing forever in Your divine embrace
and in the everlasting reunion
of family and friends. May all those mothers
who have gone before us in death, enjoy the blessings
You have given to Your own Mother: life everlasting
and eternal joy. Amen

Ascension Thursday - A Holy Day of Obligation

The Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord is a Holy Day of Obligation, a special celebration within the Easter Season. After 40 days the Risen Christ ascended into heaven in Glory not to abandon us but, as the preface of the Mass says, to prepare a place for us so that where he is, we may follow.

7:30 AM - in Church – Fr George

12:05 PM - in Church – Fr. Phil

5:15 PM - in Church – Fr. Steve

7:00 PM - in Church – Fr. Vince

Hospitality Sunday Today. Weather permitting, we will have our gathering on the Rectory porch on Mother's Day.

Special Collection for Our Own Music Ministry

Our St. AJ Music Ministry serves the liturgy and all of us by offering their gifts to help us worship. Today we have an opportunity to give back to them as we dedicate the 2nd Collection to our music program to show our appreciation for all they do.

Reminder: Summer Mass Schedule Changes

Beginning the weekend of **May 22-23**, the weekend Summer Mass schedule changes will go into effect.

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass is discontinued for the Summer months and will resume Labor Day weekend.

10 PM Sunday Mass is discontinued for the summer months and will resume the weekend of Labor Day.

Saturday Confessions at 4:00 pm are discontinued for the summer months. Confessions are available by request – or call the rectory for an appointment.

This Week at St. AJ

Saturday, May 8

9:00AM Mass *Pro-Life Liturgy and Vigil*
12:00 Noon Baptism *Elsa Marja Tokarczyk GLS*
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Vigil Mass *Helen Mansfield*

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10:00AM Mass *The Orlando and de Renzo Families*
Catholic Forum Today in Parish Hall – After 10:00 AM Mass
11:30AM Mass *The Mothers of the St. AJ Community*
5:00PM Mass *Raffaella Evangelista*
10:00PM Mass *God's Blessings on Ed Candeloro*

Wednesday, May 12

12:05PM Mass *Thomas Champion*
12:30PM to 2:00PM Church is open today. Please ring Rectory bell.

Ascension Thursday, May 13 Ascension of the Lord

7:30AM Mass
12:05PM Mass *Intentions of Baby James Anthony Fleming*
5:15PM Mass
7:00PM Mass *Joseph A. DiNinni*

Friday, May 14

No 7:30AM Mass
12:05PM Mass *Special Intention for Safe Traveling*

Saturday, May 15

9:00AM Mass *Paul Watson*
4:00PM Confessions
5:30PM Vigil Mass *University of Pennsylvania Baccalaureate 2010*



Adios to Father Phil Florio, SJ

Being presider / homilist at the Penn Baccalaureate Mass on May 15 is the last "official" act of Fr. Phil before he leaves us to take up the new work and ministry which his Jesuit superiors have assigned him. Fr. Phil has only been with us a short time but he has made a big impact. We will miss him dearly and are grateful for his personal and priestly presence among us and his fine legacy at the Penn Newman Center as a campus minister to our Catholic students. When we are informed of his new assignment we will let you know. Our prayers and best wishes are with you, Fr. Phil.

Congratulations to our Graduating Penn Seniors

Yes, so soon it seems and we are presiding over another Penn graduation of young men and women who will be sent forth, we hope, to make a major positive impact on our world in many areas where they work and love. May the joyful and infallible presence of the Holy Spirit accompany them always. We are grateful to all those Catholic Students who have joined us on a weekly basis to worship here at St. AJ and we greatly appreciate those men and women who generously offered their time and talent to participate in one or more ministries in our faith community. We hope all of you will continue to minister in the Church wherever you find yourselves.

Graduation is a time to seriously take up your career and your vocation. These two life directions are related but are not the same. One of the ways they are different is clear when you reflect on the ultimate vocational question posed by author-educator Parker Palmer. To paraphrase: **"Is the life you are living now consistent with the life that wants to live in you?"**

Penn Baccalaureate Mass – This Saturday, May 15, the Penn Baccalaureate Mass for Catholic students will be celebrated at the regular 5:30 PM Vigil Mass of Saturday. **Congratulations Class of 2010!**

O God, O God, let all nations praise You!